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COUNTY OF Cook)

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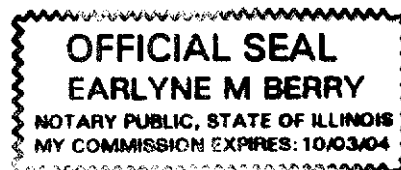
Eric L. Larsen, being duly sworn, states on oath that he is Director- Negotiations for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Agreement and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Eric L. Larsen

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 2001.

Earlyne M. Berry
Notary Public

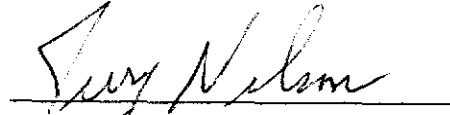


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The undersigned is authorized to represent Heartland Communications and to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document relating to Heartland Communications are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

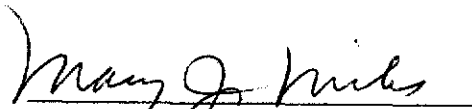
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Jerry Nelson

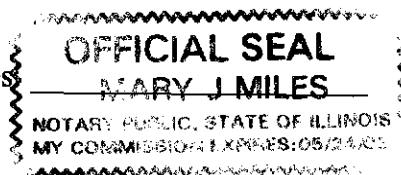
President
Heartland Communications

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of July, 2001.



Notary Public

My Commission expires



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